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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 2191**

**Introduced by Senator Soto**

March 16, 2000

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An act to add Section 155.9 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2191, as amended, Soto. Highways: analysis of truck congestion.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to contract for the preparation of a study of technically feasible and available cost-effective means to reduce 4-axle and 5-axle truck traffic from congested urban freeways during commute hours, and to transmit the study, a final report, and recommendations to the Legislature on or before January 1, 1989.

This bill would require the department to convene a Statewide Advisory Committee on Solutions to Truck Traffic Congestion, consisting of persons representing the interests of the trucking industry, the business community, labor, commuters, *automobile clubs*, regional transportation agencies, local government, ports, railroads, and any other

group or organization that has a demonstrated interest in resolving issues relating to truck traffic congestion.

The bill would require the committee to meet to review and confer and conduct public forums in the urban areas of the state to develop strategies to reduce truck traffic congestion during commute hours, including both short-term and long-term options, and to review the urban freeway truck traffic congestion study required under existing law and make recommendations for updating the findings and recommendations in that study.

The bill would require the department to update the specified urban freeway truck traffic congestion study to address the strategies and recommendations made by the committee, emphasize the impacts of any economic and transportation administrative changes that have occurred since 1989, and provide recommendations on strategies for maintaining cooperation among the entities specified above for the purpose of developing innovative solutions to truck traffic congestion.

*The bill would prohibit the department from considering the possible legalization of triple trailers as part of the committee's work or as part of the update of the congestion study.*

The bill would require the department to submit, on or before January 1, 2002, the updated study, a summary of the minutes from the specified public forums, and a summary of the recommendations of the committee to the Legislature and all regional transportation planning agencies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 155.9 is added to the Streets and  
2 Highways Code, to read:  
3 155.9. (a) The department shall convene a Statewide  
4 Advisory Committee on Solutions to Truck Traffic  
5 Congestion, consisting of persons representing the  
6 interests of the trucking industry, the business  
7 community, labor, commuters, *automobile clubs*,



1 regional transportation agencies, local government,  
2 ports, railroads, and any other group or organization that  
3 has a demonstrated interest in resolving issues relating to  
4 truck traffic congestion.

5 (b) The committee shall meet to review and confer  
6 and conduct public forums in the urban areas of the state  
7 to do both of the following:

8 (1) Develop strategies to reduce truck traffic  
9 congestion during commute hours, including both  
10 short-term and long-term options.

11 (2) Review the urban freeway truck traffic congestion  
12 study required under Section 155.8 and make  
13 recommendations for updating the findings and  
14 recommendations in that study.

15 (c) The department shall update the urban freeway  
16 truck traffic congestion study required under Section  
17 155.8 to do all of the following in addition to meeting the  
18 requirements of that section:

19 (1) Address the strategies and recommendations  
20 made by the committee under subdivision (b).

21 (2) Emphasize the impacts of any economic and  
22 transportation administrative changes that have  
23 occurred since 1989.

24 (3) Provide recommendations on strategies for  
25 maintaining cooperation among the entities described in  
26 subdivision (a) for the purpose of developing innovative  
27 solutions to truck traffic congestion.

28 (d) *The department shall not consider the possible*  
29 *legalization of triple trailers as part of the committee's*  
30 *work or as part of the update of the urban freeway truck*  
31 *traffic congestion study under subdivision (c).*

32 (e) On or before January 1, 2002, the department shall  
33 submit the updated study required under subdivision (c),  
34 a summary of the minutes from the public forums  
35 required under subdivision (b), and a summary of the  
36 recommendations of the committee required under  
37 paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) to the Legislature and  
38 all regional transportation planning agencies.

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